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In re Application of:)
Yoshijiro USHIO et al.) Confirmation No.: 1365
Application No.: 10/774,623) Group Art Unit: 3723
Filed: February 10, 2004) Examiner: Jacob K. Ackun
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR)
SIMULATION, METHOD AND)
DEVICE FOR PARAMETER OR)
CONTROL PROGRAM, POLISHING)
SYSTEM, RECORDING MEDIUM,)
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the election/restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 26, 2005, the period for reply extends through August 26, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (Claims 1-8), Group II (Claims 9-10), Group III (Claims 11-19), Group IV (Claims 20-21), Group V (Claims 22-23), Group VI (Claims 24-26), Group VII (Claims 27-30), Group VIII (Claims 31-38), and Group IX (Claims 39-43). Applicants hereby elect Group II (Claims 9-10) for examination. Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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